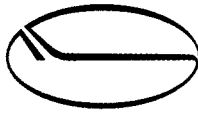


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Washington, DC 20590

Re: Exemption No. 6140D, (Docket No. 12416)

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations, 14 CFR §11.61, the Air Transport Association of America (ATA) on behalf of its member airlines<sup>1</sup> petitions the Administrator for an extension of Exemption No. 6140D (Docket No. 12416). This exemption is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2004.

Exemption No. 6140 provides relief, under certain conditions and limitations, from 14 CFR §121.309(f)(2) to the extent necessary to locate the aft megaphone at door 4-left on Boeing 747 aircraft. Similarly situated operators may petition to be included under an amendment to this exemption.

As outlined in ATA's petition for exemption, the Boeing 747 (B-747) aircraft was certificated in accordance with 14 CFR 25 with the aft megaphone located at door 4-left, instead of door 5-left, the most rearward door on the B-747. The B-747 had been in worldwide airline operation for more than 30 years, and the positioning of the aft megaphone at door 4-left had proved to be an advantageous location in emergency evacuations. Repositioning the aft megaphone from its current position at door 4-left to the most aft position, door 5-left, would not improve safety but would require airlines to expend resources unnecessarily.

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<sup>1</sup> ATA is the principal trade and service organization of the U.S. scheduled airline industry. Members are: Airborne Express, Alaska Airlines, Aloha Airlines, American West Airlines, American Airlines, Astar Air Cargo, ATA Airlines, Atlas Air, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Menlo Worldwide Forwarding, Evergreen International Airlines, Federal Express Corp., Hawaiian Airlines, JetBlue Airways, Midwest Airlines, Northwest Airlines, Polar Air Cargo, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, United Parcel Service, and US Airways. Associate members are: Aerovías de México, Air Canada, Air Jamaica, and Mexicana de Aviación.

Furthermore, the renewal of this exemption is not a controversial issue. This petition does not seek to establish a precedent, but merely continue an accepted and established practice. Accordingly, ATA requests that publication in the Federal Register be waived as unnecessary (14 CFR §11.87).

A summary of this petition is attached as required by 14 CFR §11.81. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at 202-626-4240.

Sincerely,

AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

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Attachment: Summary of Petition

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Docket No. 12416  
August 30, 2004

**Summary of ATA Petition**

Petitioner:	Air Transport Association of America (ATA)
Regulation Affected:	14 CFR §121.309 (f)(2)
Description of Relief Sought:	Renew Exemption 6140D with no other changes to the existing terms except to extend its termination date. Exemption 6140D allows operators to locate the aft megaphone at door 4-left on Boeing 747 (B-747) aircraft.